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Draft programme of work for 2016-2017

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Summary

This note contains a proposed programme of work for the Working Party on Land Administration for the years 2016 and 2017.

When discussing its activities, the Working Party may wish to keep in mind that the programme should reflect the interest of member States and their willingness to contribute to the programme's implementation in terms of expertise and human and financial resources.

The Working Party is invited to review and approve the programme of work.

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I. Capacity-building and international knowledge sharing

1. Objective: To increase the capacity of UNECE member States to formulate policies on land administration and management.

2. To achieve this objective, the Working Party will:

- Organize four workshops in the UNECE region to allow for experience and knowledge sharing, to improve the human capital of stakeholders and enhance land management practices
- Contribute, as requested and available, to UNECE Real Estate Market Advisory Group roundtable discussions
- Present the work of the Working Party and provide advice on land management at workshops, conferences, seminars and other events focusing on land management.

II. Land administration reviews

3. Objective: To provide, upon the request of a member State, an assessment of member State land administration systems and guidelines to enhance these systems.

4. To achieve this objective, the Working Party will, upon invitation by Governments and subject to the availability of funding, develop member State land administration reviews as part of the UNECE country profiles on housing and land management.

III. Studies on selected topics in land management

5. Objective: To study issues in land management of interest to member States and develop publications containing analyses of this issue to help member States better understand the current status of land management and thus formulate more targeted and effective policies.

6. Activity: The Working Party in cooperation with the Committee on Housing and Land Management will conduct a study on the elaboration of Smart City Indicators (ECE/HBP/179, para 48). The study is part of the UNECE's project "United Smart Cities: Smart urban solutions for transition and developing countries".[1]

7. Activity: The Working Party will organize the dissemination of conclusions and recommendations of the study "Informal Settlements: Challenges and Opportunities from South-East Europe" and will use the study methodology to review the situation of informal settlements in other member States in the UNECE region.

8. Activity: The Working Party in cooperation with the Committee on Housing and Land Management will conduct a study on "Cities and human settlements in coastal areas: preventing and mitigating the risks of impacts of natural and human induced disasters". The Working Party will elaborate a classification system for cities in coastal zones as well as identify management options aimed at preventing or mitigating the risks of impacts in cities in coastal areas.

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[1] Please see the report of the Committee on Housing and Land Management on its 75th session, paras 46 - 48, at http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/hlm/documents/2014/ECE_HBP_179.en.pdf